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SUBJECT: SC DEBATE ON ME : FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH  
EGYPTIAN PERM REP

REF: USUN 2582

1. BRITISH, WHO MET WITH EGYPTIAN PERM REP MEGUID IMMEDIATELY  
AFTER AMB. BENNETT'S JULY 16 DISCUSSION (REFTEL), HAVE TOLD US  
THAT IN THEIR MEETING MEGUID INDICATED HE NOW EXPECTED US TO  
PRESENT TO EGYPTIANS A DRAFT CONSENSUS FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN  
TWO DELS,. WE BRIEFED BRITISH MISOFF ON SUSBSTANCE OF OUT  
MEETING WITH EGYPTIANS AND MADE CLAEAR THAT NO SUCH COMMITMENT  
HAD BEEN GIVEN.

2. RATHER THAN PERMIT THIS "MISUNDERSTANDING" TO REMAIN  
UNCHALLENGED, AMBASSADOR BENNETT TELEPHONED MEGUID JULY 17  
AND SAID HE HAD HEARD FROM BRITISH AND WISHED TO REVIEW AND  
CLARIFY US POSITION. US STRONGLY PREFERRED CONSENSUS, HE SAID,  
BUT CONSENSUS PROCEDURE WAS NOT "US PROPOSAL", AS HE HAD MADE  
CLEAR JULY 16. IN RESPONSE TO MEGUID'S QUERY AT THAT TIME,  
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BENNETT RECALLED , WE HAD RELATED PARAMETERS OF OUT POSTION

AND HAD PRESENTED TWO POINTS WHICH WERE ACCEPTABLE TO US. BENNETT REAFFIRMED US COULD NOT GO BEYOND THESE POINTS AND WOULD NOT BE SUBMITTING DRAFT CONSENSUS. THIS WAS TASK FOR OTHERS, HE STRESSED, BUT AT SAME TIME, WE WOULD BE READY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND CONSULTATIONS IN HOPE SC COULD TAKE USEFUL ACTION. HE AGAIN REITERATED THAT TWO POINTS WERE OUR OUTER LIMIT.

3. BENNETT ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO SADAT STATEMENT(AS REPORTED NEW YORK TIMES JULY 17) THAT US HAD ATTEMPTED TO DEFER FURTHER SC MEETINGS AND COMMENTED THAT, AS FAR AS WE KNEW, EGYPT ITSELF HAD BEEN ONLY DEL WHICH SO FAR HAD INITIATED POSTPONEMENTS. IN RESPONSE TO MEGUID'S SOMEWHAT DEFENSIVE REPLY THAT MANY RUMORS OF US STALLING HAD CIRCULATED AROUND UN, BENNETT REMINDED HIM OF HIS JULY 16 STATEMENT THAT ONLY US WAS AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK FOR US AND OTHER RUMORS SHOULD BE IGNORED OR CHECKED WITH US TO GET THE FACTS.

4. COMMENT: THERE IS, OF COURSE, VERY OUTSIDE POSSIBILITY MEGUID DID DRAW WRONG CONCLUSION FROM OUR TALK. HOWEVER, EGYPTIANS AER PAST MASTERS IN UN MANEUVERING OF CAREFULLY MISREPRESENTING VIEWS OF ONE DEL TO OTHERS AND WE THOUGHT IT ESSENTIAL TO SET MATTERS STRATGHT BEFORE EL ZAYYAT GOT BACK TO TOWN.  
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